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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR BUCHANAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: U.S. REPRESENTATION ON IOC

1. WITH CLOSE OF WINTER OLYMPICS, RFE CREW IN INNSBRUCK HAS NOW PACKED UP FOR RETURN TO MUNICH AFTER EXTRAORDINARILY SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE UNDER MOST ADVERSE CONDITIONS. CONSUL QUINLAN VISITED RFE TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS AT GAMES EVENING OF FEBRUARY 14 AND REPORTS RFE STAFF NOT ONLY GOT THE NEWS OUT, BUT REAPED ENORMOUS CROP OF SYMPATHY AND GOOD-WILL FROM AUSTRIANS AND OTHERS. ORF (AUSTRIAN RADIO-TV SYSTEM) AND AUSTRIAN OLYMPICS COMMITTEE GAVE ALL POSSIBLE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE.

2. IN CONSIDERING FUTURE ACTION VIS-A-VIS IOC -- NOT ONLY ON RFE ACCREDITATION FOR MONTREAL BUT POSSIBLE OTHER ISSUES -- I URGE DEPARTMENT TO GIVE CAREFUL THOUGHT TO OUR CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION TO IOC, THAT IS THE TWO U.S. REPRESENTATIVES, MESSRS. TOBEY AND ROOSEVELT. THE LATTER EMPHASIZED VERY STRONGLY IN MY TWO MEETINGS WITH HIM AND IN ANOTHER SEPARATE MEETING WITH QUINLAN THAT HE IS NOT AN AGENT OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT REQUIRED TO SUPPORT  
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U.S. GOVERNMENT OR EVEN U.S. OLYMPICS COMMITTEE

POSITIONS. ROOSEVELT DESCRIBED IOC AS PRIVATE CLUB OF WHICH HE IS NOW LIFETIME MEMBER. HE BELIEVES HE CAN BE MOST EFFECTIVE OVER LONG TERM IF HE REMAINS ON CLOSE PERSONAL TERMS WITH COLLEAGUES ON IOC. GIVEN THIS ATTITUDE, I DO NOT SEE HOW WE CAN EXPECT STRONG SUPPORT FROM THIS U.S. MEMBER OF THE IOC.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE IN MY LAST MESSAGE ON THIS SUBJECT THAT IT WAS FROM MY PERSONAL FRIEND DR. KLEE OF THE AUSTRIAN ORGANIZING COMMITTEE THAT I GOT THE FACT -- WHICH ROOSEVELT ONLY LATTER CONFIRMED -- OF WILLI DAUME'S DENIAL OF FRG SPONSORSHIP FOR RFE.

4. ALTHOUGH ROOSEVELT SAYS HE WILL SUPPORT RFE ACCREDITATION TO MONTREAL AND ACCEPTS CHEERFULLY HIS ROLE OF USG CHANNEL TO IOC, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD GIVE EARLY THOUGHT TO QUESTION OF WHO WILL REPLACE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TOBEY IN IOC. I AM TOLD TOBEY PLANS TO RETIRE SOON AND MY HOPE IS THAT THE CHOICE FOR HIS REPLACEMENT WILL BE A FORCEFUL, PUBLIC SPIRITED PERSONALITY WHO WILL REGISTER U.S. POSITIONS STRONGLY AND CLEARLY. BUCHANAN

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